



AMS News

AMS website -- www.mappers.org

Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter

Kent Island Gathering

Due to the high price of crabs this season, the AMS is not having our usual "Crab Feast". As an alternative, we are having a gathering, which will be similar to the gathering of our colleagues who gather in Frederick MD. We are calling this gathering the "**Kent Island Gathering**" still at **Fisherman's Crab Deck** 3032 Kent Narrows Way S. Grasonville MD 21638 on **Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 11:00 AM.**

Each person will order their own lunch selection directly from the standard menu and pay your own separate check. No prepayment. The extensive menu includes appetizers, salads, sandwiches, entrees, and yes, from the menu, you can still order hot steamed and seasoned crabs by the dozen and half dozen! View the menu choices at <https://crabdeck.com/menu/>

Following CDC guidelines the hope is for AMS members and friends to sit together in a designated area and definitely catch-up on how each of us survived covid 2020!! Please RSVP by responding with an email stating you plan to attend and include any others attending with you to AMS at mappingseniors@outlook.com with the subject of "**Kent Island Gathering**" by August 25, 2021.

Picnic

Ending the summer fun is our Picnic at the Carderock Large Pavilion, Bethesda, MD. Mark your calendar now for **Wednesday, October 6.**

Once again, you are asked to bring a snack for sharing while mingling from 11:00 – 11:45 at which time lunch is available from 11:45 until 1 PM **OR** bring a dessert to share following lunch.

The cost remains the same at \$15 per person. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, baked beans, potato salad and beverages lemonade, iced tea, and water.



Although there are picnic tables in the pavilion, bringing your favorite lawn chair may be more comfortable while sitting and chatting with each other. This is the link for park directions <http://scandinavian-dc.org/Picnic-Directions2.pdf>

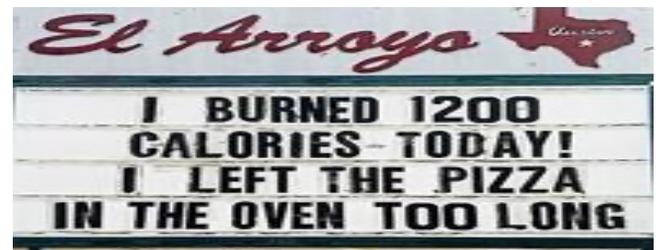
Complete the reservation form on page 4 or from the AMS webpage www.mappers.org and submit your payment using either check or PayPal by the due date of September 27, 2021.

"SAVE the DATE"

The **Holiday Luncheon and AMS Annual Meeting** is December 1 @11:00 at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick MD. More information will be announced when details are finalized.

Frederick Gathering

Former retirees from NGA and predecessor organizations are again meeting for lunch every month on the 3rd Thursday @ 11:00 at the **Golden Corral** in the Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick MD. Irv Stephens is the coordinator and no reservations are needed. Just stop by to chat with one another while having lunch!



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AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



The hot humid weather of the Dog Days of summer arrived in a big way in the D.C. area. This period is so named for the dawn rising of the bright star Sirius, aka Alpha Canis Majoris, in mid-late summer. For the ancient Egyptians this time coincided with the annual

Nile floods that brought the rich soils so critical for their crops. For the ancient Greeks and Romans, the extreme summer heat of the Dog Days was perceived as a time of drought, disease, discomfort and unrest.¹ Ironically, news from around the world seemingly may make this an apt description for the summer of 2021.

I enjoy history and, not surprisingly, as a geographer and former DMA-NIMA-NGA employee, I also enjoy maps. Fittingly then, my summer reading includes finishing *A History of the World in 12 Maps* by Jerry Brotton. The book presents a broad span of (mapping) history, beginning with Ptolemy’s Geography and ending with Google Earth (you’ll find NIMA mentioned on p. 422). Chapter 9 offers a multi-generational tale of the creation, intrigue and evolution of the “first systematic attempt to survey then map an entire country according to the science of triangulation and geodesy.”

Hopefully you are keeping up with AMS updates via the mapper.org website or AMS Facebook pages. Also, don’t forget, your Association of Mapping Seniors is looking for people willing to serve on the Board of Directors. The position of Vice President is currently vacant, and our Secretary plans to not seek reelection this Fall. Board meetings are currently held via Zoom, so if you are interested, please contact us via mappingseniors@outlook.com

Take care of yourself and each other while you are **“Keeping in Touch and Having Fun”**

¹ The Old Farmer’s Almanac (2021, June 22). The Dog Days of Summer. <https://www.almanac.com/content/what-are-dog-days-summer>

AMS Keeping in Touch



Email is just one method for announcing events, registration forms, obituaries, and other pertinent information. Send your AMS info and inquiries to mappingseniors@outlook.com If you are not receiving emails from AMS, check your “JUNK” mailbox or verify your email address with Merle Biggin at merlebiggin@uwalumni.com. Greg Cross and Amber Beall monitor this mailbox.



AMS website www.mappers.org is another good source of information of current and past AMS events. Check out the many tabs filled with a wealth of information for and about our members and events! Please forward your information to our Webmaster, Ralph Mayer at ralphmayer222@outlook.com



AMS is on Facebook and you are invited to join other members there and include your contributions! You can share your vacation and retirement adventures, and other activities you enjoy. Or just read the posts from other members while also keeping current with AMS activities too. Members are permitted to post directly but must keep content appropriate for and consistent with the AMS purpose, membership, by-laws, procedures and guidelines.

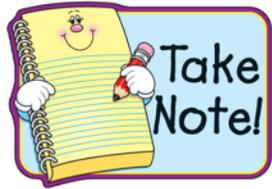
If you are not already a friend, go to the search block on Facebook and enter Association of Mapping Seniors or simply AMS and from the drop-down list select **Association of Mapping Seniors**. **Once on the AMS page select “Join”** and answer the 3 pertinent questions for **“Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!”** Pam Troutman is the AMS Facebook custodian!!

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2021 AMS Executive Board

President – Lon Hamann
 Vice President – Vacant
 Secretary – Jeanne Casamento
 Treasurer – Merle Biggin

Membership



Remember!!

Keep **YOUR** contact information - postal address, phone numbers, and email address current with AMS!

Provide **Merle Biggin, Membership Chairman**, with your updated contact information or status for any of the missing members listed below at **Address:**

4808 Walbridge Street, Rockville, MD 20853
Phone: 301-946-4485 or
Email: merlebiggin@uwalumni.com



The Membership Chair needs your assistance in locating these missing persons. Forward any info you have for these **Missing Persons** to Merle Biggin

Missing Persons	
Frances A Davis III	Ruth C Leonard
Gladys Dossi	Frank R Walden
Phyllis Evans	Joanne L. Weber



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Consider volunteering for the position of AMS Vice-President or Secretary. Board meetings are conducted virtually through Zoom. Support for these positions is provided by current and past Board Members. If interested, please forward your information for the desired position in an email to mappingseniors@outlook.com



The Association of Mapping Seniors (AMS) will celebrate its golden anniversary during 2024. AMS was organized in 1974 just two years after the formulation of Defense Mapping Agency in 1972. Although it seems like a long way away, the Board is asking for volunteers to form a team to prepare for this awesome event. If you are interested in serving on the AMS 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee, please forward an email to AMS at mappingseniors@outlook.com

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IN REMEMBRANCE

JOAN ABELSON beloved wife of the late Myron Abelson and devoted mother of Robert and Audrey Abelson passed on Friday, May 14, 2021. Graveside service were held at Judean Memorial Gardens, 16225 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Save a Child's Heart (saveachildsheart.org).



Norman Elwood Lowe, 81 of Williamsport, MD and formerly of Mt. Airy, MD and Millsboro, DE, passed away on Friday April 19, 2019 at Doey's House in Hagerstown, MD. Born in Frederick, MD on September 14, 1937, he was the son of the late Reginald Eugene Lowe and the late Ruth Helen Crawford Bowman

He retired from the Montgomery County Public Schools where he worked as a painter. He was of the Methodist faith. Norman was a member of the Fraternal Order of Moose. He was also a member of the Senior Center of Millsboro, DE. He enjoyed traveling across the country and taking cruises and woodworking. He also enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson's in his younger years.

Norman is survived by his wife of 55 years Theresa Ann Colombo Lowe, his daughter Felicia A. "Lisa" Clark and husband Jimmy of Huyett's, MD, his son James R. McCracken of Boonsboro, MD, 4 grandchildren Kerri, Jeremy, Ashley and Kayla and 2 great granddaughters Nora and Chloe.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister Eleanor Collins, 2 brothers Lawrence Lowe and Harvey Lowe and a half sister Jackie Christin.



James Hubert Pope was preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret Suggs Pope. He was the father of Crystal F. Brown (Gary), Marlon F. Pope (Kelli) and Rhonda Pope Brown (Kenny). He is survived by six brothers, David L. Wellington (Freda), Benjamin Wellington, Danny Wellington, Roderick Wellington, Andrew Sauls (Edna), Kenneth E. Sauls; four sisters, Beulah Grace Sauls, Mary Wellington, Kathleen Wellington, Telicia Wellington; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

View entire obituaries on AMS website at www.mappers.org

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2021 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You text the person who is in the next room to you.
4. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
5. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
6. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
7. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20, 30, or 50 years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
8. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee

Seniors

Emergency Preparedness

Get Informed

- Know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation and when to shelter in place.
- Keep a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV, radio and follow mobile alert and mobile warnings about severe weather in your area.
- [Download the FEMA app](#) and get weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

Make a Plan

Determine any special assistance you may need and include in your emergency plan.

- **Create a support network** of family, friends and others who can assist you during an emergency and share your disaster plans with them. Practice your plan with them.
- Make sure they have an extra key to your home, know where you keep your emergency supplies and how to use lifesaving equipment or administer medicine.
- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital, find out their emergency plans and work with them to identify back-up service providers. If you have a communication-related disability, note the best way to communicate with you.
- Don't forget your pets or service animals. Not all shelters accept pets so plan for alternatives.
- Consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area.
- Prepare an [emergency kit for your pet](#).
- For related information visit our page on [individuals with disabilities](#).

Get Your Benefits Electronically

A disaster can disrupt mail service for days or weeks. If you depend on Social Security or other regular benefits switching to electronic payments is a simple, important way to protect yourself financially before disaster strikes. It also eliminates the risk of stolen checks. The U.S. Department of the Treasury recommends two safer ways to get federal benefits:

- Direct deposit to a checking or savings account. If you get federal benefits you can sign up by calling 800-333-1795 or [sign up online](#).
- The **Direct Express®** prepaid debit card is designed as a safe and easy alternative to paper.

Accessed on July 19, 2021 from
<https://www.ready.gov/seniors>

Hazard Information Sheets

Use these two-sided information sheets to learn more about how to prepare for, keep safe during, and respond to hazards.

[Download the Full Suite](#) or download individual sheets for [Active Shooter](#), [Avalanche](#), [Cyberattack](#), [Earthquake](#), [Extreme Heat](#), [Financial Emergency](#), [Flood](#), [Hurricane](#), [Landslide](#), [Novel Pandemic](#), [Nuclear](#), [Explosion](#), [Power Outage](#), [Thunderstorm](#), [Lightning](#), [and Hail](#), [Tornado](#), [Tsunami](#), [Volcano](#), [Wildfire](#), [Winter Storm](#).

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Emergency Preparedness

<https://www.ready.gov>

AMS Picnic Reservation

- When:** October 6, 2021, at 11:00 AM
- Where:** Carderock Park, Bethesda, MD
- Place:** Large Pavilion
- Bring:** Your favorite snacks and/or desserts to share and a lawn chair
- Cost:** \$15 per person
- Menu:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Beverages: Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Water.



Snacks available during meet and greet from 11:00 – 11:45 AM.

Lunch from 11:45AM - 1PM!!

Completed reservation form and payment due **September 27**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of people attending _____ Total amount \$ _____

Please mark payment type by check (enclosed) _____ or PayPal (on-line) _____

Place your name where you can volunteer to assist at the picnic. Thank you for assisting!

Hand out Name Tags _____ Sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets _____

Payment Methods –

1. Paper/mail – Send completed reservation form and your check payable to the *Association of Mapping Seniors* to: **Merle Biggin 4808 Walbridge Street, Rockville, MD 20853**

2. Electronically –

- a. When using PayPal add **\$1.00 for each person to cover associated fees.**
- b. Access PayPal from the AMS website front page at <http://www.mappers.org/> and click on the “Donate” button. At the PayPal page, complete the information as requested.
- c. On page 2, click on the “Add special instructions to the seller” and enter – Picnic and the names of each person included with the payment. Example: Picnic Reservations John Smith; Mary Smith.
- d. Forward an e-mail to Merle at merlebiggin@uwalumni.com that includes the names, contact phone number. State you are using PayPal to complete this transaction.

Invite Your DMA, NIMA, NGA Colleagues To The AMS Events!!

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